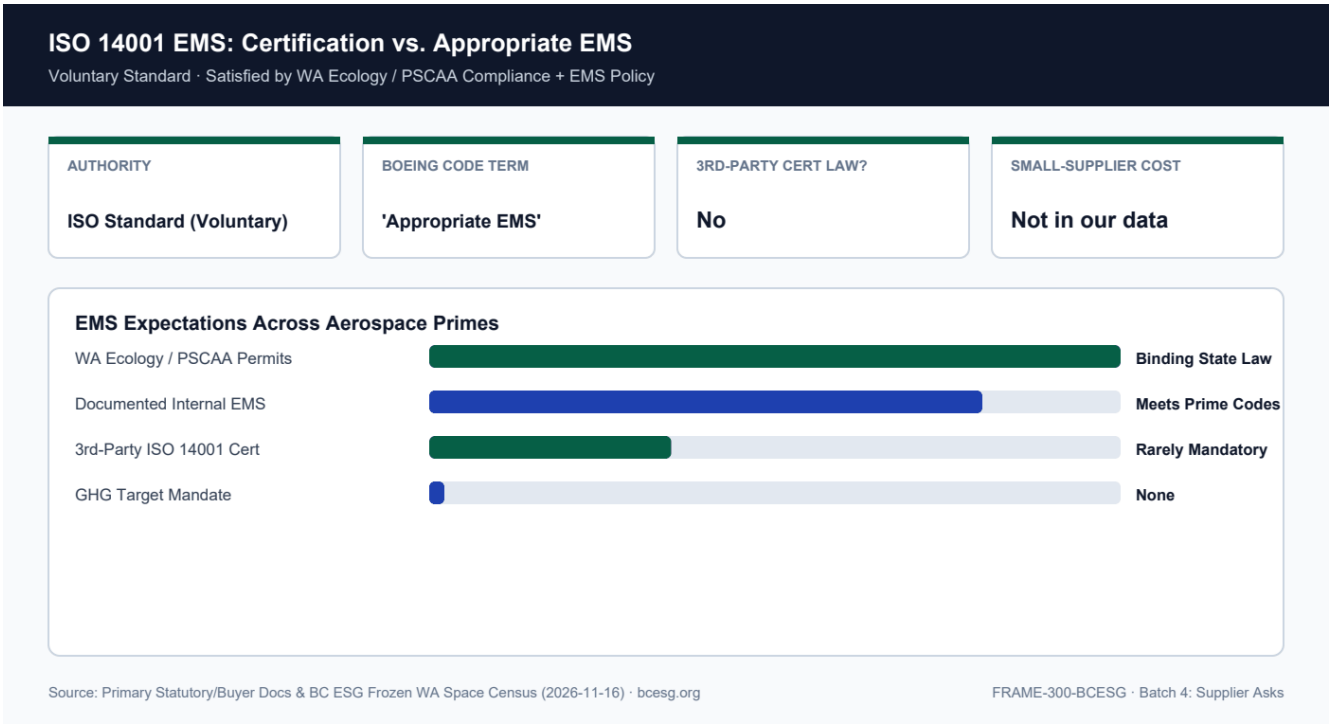
ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS) Supplier Asks

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Verification & Authority Baseline: ISO 14001 is a voluntary international EMS standard. Some primes (e.g., Boeing's Supplier Code of Conduct) expect an 'appropriate EMS' aligned with pollution prevention, while few require third-party ISO 14001 registration from small WA machine shops.



EMS Tier	Binding?	What Satisfies Prime Questionnaires
WA Ecology / PSCAA Permits	Binding WA Law	Active waste ID, air NOCOA, ISGP stormwater SWPPP
Internal EMS Policy	Buyer-expected (Boeing Code)	Written EHS policy + annual aspect/spill review
3rd-Party ISO 14001 Cert	Voluntary unless in PO	Accredited registrar certificate

Who Issues This Ask, Authority, and Binding Status

Vendor onboarding questionnaires from primes like The Boeing Company ask whether a supplier maintains an **ISO 14001** certification or an Environmental Management System (EMS).

ISO 14001 is a **voluntary international standard**, not a law. Boeing's Supplier Code of Conduct expects suppliers to maintain an 'appropriate EMS' for safety and pollution prevention, but does **not** universally require third-party ISO 14001 registration for small sub-tier shops unless explicitly written into a specific Purchase Order.

Evidence Required & Small-Supplier Effort Cost

If third-party certified, upload the **ISO 14001 certificate**. If uncertified, most primes accept a documented internal EMS binder combining your **WA Ecology Dangerous Waste (**`WAC 173-303`**)**, **PSCAA air permit**, stormwater ISGP, and spill-prevention procedures.

Third-party registrar audit fees for ISO 14001 are **not in our data**.

WA Space Cluster Segments & Companies Affected

Relevant to chemical-using and manufacturing shops in Propulsion and Components & Suppliers (Aerojet Rocketdyne, Janicki Industries, Karman Space & Defense).

Verified Primary Sources & Internal Bridges

- ISO — ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems: https://www.iso.org/standard/60857.html
- Boeing Suppliers — Supplier Portal: https://www.boeingsuppliers.com/